

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15  
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R 030827Z JUN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
TO C/SECSTATE WASHDC 3007  
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMCONSUL ISTANBUL  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 1183

BELGRADE ALSO FOR USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, BU  
SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION IN SOFIA RAILROAD STATION

1. BULGARIAN SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 2 THAT BOMB EXPLOSION  
HAD OCCURRED IN MAIN SOFIA RAILROAD STATION EVENING OF MAY 30.  
NEIGHBOR OF SOURCE, AN EMPLOYEE OF RAILROAD, HAD BEEN  
IN STATION AT TIME OF EXPLOSION AND TOLD HIM THAT BOMB HAD BEEN  
IN SUITCASE LEFT ON PLATFORM AND THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN KILLED  
OR WOUNDED.

2. STORY, IN VARIOUS VERSIONS, NOW MAKING THE ROUNDS IN LOCAL  
DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER CIRCLES. SPECULATION VARIOUSLY  
LINKS BOMBING TO VELCHEV OUSTING, APPROACHING BELGRADE  
CSCE MEETING, AND/OR EFFORT TO EMBARRASS ZHIVKOV  
WHILE HE IS ON PRESTIGE VISIT TO USSR. OTHER POSSIBILITY,  
WIDELY ADMITTED, IS THAT BOMBING IS WORK OF MADMAN.  
FINALLY, SINCE BOMB WAS IN SUITCASE, THERE IS ALSO  
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POSSIBILITY IT WAS NOT MEANT FOR SOFIA AT ALL BUT WAS  
"IN TRANSIT" TO OR FROM ANOTHER LOCATION SUCH AS,  
FOR EXAMPLE, ISTANBUL.  
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